

# Frequently Asked Questions about Random Drug Testing

## 1. What happens if my child tests positive?

If a student tests positive for drug use, the parents/guardians are called in for a consultation with the administration. Counseling options are discussed and encouraged. The student will not be expelled or suspended, but if he is on a sports or academic team he will be suspended from that team and be given a chance to clean up.

## 2. Who is informed about the results if my son/student tests positive?

The only ones at school to be told about test results are the principal, vice principal, and the guidance counselor (Administrative team). The Administrative team will meet with the parents/guardians to discuss the situation.

## 3. What if my son is taking medication and it influences his tests results?

Results will be sent to a laboratory for further screening to determine test results. The results are screened off-island to eliminate any incidences of false positives. Parents and guardians should notify the school of any medication being taken by student.

## 4. Why is Father Duenas Memorial School doing drug testing?

FDMS is being proactive in this approach to provide a safe and healthy environment for all students. This testing is not to harm students or to send a negative message, but to keep our students safe and to address potentially dangerous behaviors before they become serious..

## 5. What are the drug testing procedures at FDMS?

FDMS has a contract with Reliance Testing Company, which randomly picks the names of students to be tested. When the student's name is selected, an effort is made to contact parents to inform them of the testing, however even if the school is unable to reach the parents, that student will still be tested. The student is called from the classroom in a discreet manner and sent to the testing room where he will meet with the school official and the Reliance Testing screening nurses. Once the test is finished, the results are made known to the student and the student is sent back to class. If a student tests positive for drug use, parents/guardians are notified and will be called in for consultation. Parents are always welcome to call the school to find out the results of their son's test.